



Fuel 4 Fire

The Ministry to Youth at the Abbotsford Church of the Nazarene

Youth Staff Application Form

Dear Applicant,

I am excited that you are interested in ministering to youth through Fuel 4 Fire! Take the time to read through everything in this package because it tells you what we're all about and what we do in Fuel 4 Fire. Thank you for showing interest in serving God's Kingdom by ministering to youth. It is our dream to see you become an integral part of a team of youth staff that reach out to youth with the message of a God that loves them and to raise them up into young adults that passionately follow Jesus. I look forward to seeing God move in new and exciting ways! So read on and email me the answers you arrive at from this application. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me.

May God bless you,

Graham McMahon

Pastor to Youth

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What We're All About

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create a community of youth that connect to the Living God, grow into young adults that passionately follow Jesus, and are empowered to serve in their world.

Core Values:

Belong - Fuel 4 Fire strives to be a genuine community, without barriers of any kind, where everyone BELONGS just as they are, no matter where they are at in life and faith. Every person (Christian youth, pre-Christian youth, youth staff, visitor, youth pastor, etc) *belongs* when they participate in Fuel 4 Fire. We encourage an atmosphere of respect and make our ministry a safe place for everyone, regardless of who they are or their background. We want our community to be defined by genuineness, loyalty, inclusiveness, unity, teamwork, unconditional friendship, and uplifting behaviour and talk.

Believe - In Fuel 4 Fire, the Bible is the foundation for everything we do in our ministry to youth and is the source of our mission, inspiration, and all that we teach and stand for. We believe it to be the authoritative Word of God, that it is true, life changing, and

understandable to any person who approaches it with a sincere heart. Consequently, we feel compelled to make God's Word completely and plainly known to youth by whatever means are most effective.

Become - In Fuel 4 Fire, we challenge those who have taken the name Christian by entering into a relationship with God to live a life of discipleship. This means we will encourage them to model their lives after Jesus in their relationships, behaviour, beliefs, and worldview. This is not an arrival point, but a journey and one that is not travelled alone. Youth will be accompanied by Christian adults and other Christian youth who care for them and will walk with them, teaching and encouraging them as they go. Not only does this core value apply to our youth but also to our youth staff – we expect our youth staff to not only be on this journey with Christ as well, but to also be travelling this journey with others, who will walk with them and encourage them along the way.

Who We Are

Youth:

Fuel 4 Fire is the ministry of the Abbotsford Church of the Nazarene directed at youth in grades 7 to 12. We currently have youth from every grade, in many different stages of faith and life, from all over Abbotsford participating in our ministry. Everyone, regardless of background or faith, is always welcome in our ministry.

Pyrros Team:

This team of Christian youth desires to be positive spiritual influencers in our ministry, serving God and others with their gifts and talents, and providing spiritual direction for our ministry through prayer, feedback, and team meetings.

Youth Staff

Youth Staff are the backbone of our ministry to youth. They play crucial roles on our Fuel 4 Fire Nights, help with Infernos, retreats, Desert Projects, and make sure everyone is safe at all of our activities. Their primary role, however, is to be positive spiritual guides for the youth in our ministry, engaging them in the ministry of accompaniment. Youth Staff are expected to commit to at least one aspect of our youth ministry (Fuel4Fire nights, Infernos, Sunday School) but may commit to more if they wish. If you are interested in being a youth staff, you *should* be 19+, a mature growing Christian, sense a call to be in this kind of ministry at this time in your life, and have a passion for loving youth! While we expect all of our youth staff to be active members in a local church, CBC practicum students are not expected to attend our church (though we would very much like to have you be a part of our church family).

Prayer Warriors

This crucial team of people prays for our youth, the youth staff, and the Fuel 4 Fire ministry. They are made up of people of all ages, the vast majority being wonderful seniors in our church who are passionate about praying for teenagers.

Graham McMahon, Pastor to Youth

Graham has been serving as Pastor to Youth since September of 2002. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Columbia Bible College in Biblical Studies and Youth Work.

What We Do

Fuel 4 Fire Nights:

Fuel 4 Fire Nights run every Wednesday in the HUB (our youth room) from late September to the middle of June. Depending on the night, there's a snack bar, some games, creative "out of the box" worship, an engaging talk and discussion, and small groups. Everyone is always welcome!

Infernos:

These events usually occur once a month, mostly on Friday nights and are designed to simply to have fun, get to know new people, and build new friendships. This is an opportunity for youth to invite their friends.

Sunday School:

Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30am in the HUB. All the youth gather to learn how to live out God's Word in their lives. The first Sunday of every month is McDonald's Sunday - a free breakfast at McDonald's!

The Desert Project:

The Desert Project is a series of opportunities for youth to get away from the noise and distractions of life to connect with God and the Fuel 4 Fire community. These multi-day retreats, day retreats, and activities involve leaving behind personal music devices, television, video games, cell phones, and homework, and engaging in contemplative spiritual practices, spending time in nature, serving others in practical ways, and building relationships with each other through small groups, free time, and fun activities. These are planned throughout the year.

Retreats:

Opportunities for youth to get away, have a lot of fun, hear a good speaker, and get to know other youth. These are planned throughout the year.

Service Projects:

Opportunities for youth to make a difference in their community by helping others and the environment. These are planned throughout the year.

Application:

Please take your time answering these questions and then email them to Graham at fuel4fire@telus.net.

Basic Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email:

Name and contact information of 2 references (preferably one is your senior/youth pastor):

About Yourself:

1. Favorite Thing(s) to do for Fun:
2. Favorite Type of Music/Favorite Band:
3. Favorite Movie:
4. Favorite Beverage:
5. What Are You Good At (Talents):
6. Please list other involvements you are expecting to participate in next school year (sports teams, plays, clubs, plays, etc):

Your Relationship with God:

1. In your own words, explain what it means to be a Christian:
2. Please share when and how you became a Christian:
3. Please share what are you doing to continue to grow in your faith in Christ:
4. Please explain how your faith is worked out in your everyday life:
5. Please list what you feel to be your spiritual gifts:
6. Please explain what it means to you to minister to youth:
7. Please write a brief paragraph explaining why you want to be a Youth Staff:
8. Please indicate which ministry and its specific aspects you might be interested in participating in:
 - **Fuel 4 Fire** (leading games, giving a testimony, teaching, worship, drama, entertainment)
 - **Inferno** (planning an event, leading a mixer, sharing a short lesson, other)
 - **R.O.M.E.** (taking youth out, participating in events, other)
 - **Pyrrros** (leading a teaching session, leading a game, planning a night, one-on-one/two meeting, other)
 - **Next Level Event:** (planning an event, leading a game, entertainment, leading a teaching session, other)
 - **Other Ministries:**

Youth Staff Covenant

This covenant is for you so that you know what is expected of you and what the guidelines are for being a part of the Youth Staff team. Please sign it and turn it in ASAP.

- ★ Attend and participate and contribute actively and positively in the Youth Staff team meetings and seek to meet the challenges given in them to your best ability (if you are unable to make it to one of these commitments you are to personally phone Graham before you miss it)
- ★ Always seek to encourage and build up the other members of the Youth Staff team and youth and stay away from anything that causes division
- ★ Keep a positive attitude
- ★ Seek to discover your gifts, find ways to use them, and contribute to the ministry of Fuel 4 Fire in the ways you are called
- ★ Consistently spend time in the Bible and in prayer and pray for the youth in your small group and their friends
- ★ Commit to pray for the ministry of Fuel 4 Fire
- ★ Live a life in accordance with God's Word both in your personal life and in your public life (be an example to others in every way). Specifically, this includes, avoiding sexual immorality, drunkenness, illicit drugs, dating relationships that distract you from your relationship with God and/or with the Body of Christ, gossip, slander, bitterness, dishonesty, and pride
- ★ Regularly attend Sunday services (if you are a service practicum student this is not expected that you attend our church, though it is preferred and more beneficial for your influence in the lives of our teenagers)
- ★ Greet and get to know new youth that come to Fuel 4 Fire events, help out in practical ways, be a positive and active participant in everything we do at the events you have committed to, and always seek to encourage a positive attitude and environment amongst the group
- ★ Build on relationships with youth outside of the programmed event you have committed to through conversation, MSN, phone calls, and face to face meetings (guys with guys/girls with girls)
- ★ If you are fulfilling a specific role at a youth event, activity, or Sunday service, and are unable to make it, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and you need to personally inform Graham you will not be there and what arrangements you have made
- ★ If you are having difficulty keeping the Youth Staff Covenant, approach Graham for help
- ★ If you are unable to keep the Youth Staff Covenant, speak to Graham about stepping down until you are able to recommit to it – if you do not approach Graham, you will be asked to step down

I understand the Youth Staff Covenant and the fact that committing to the Youth Staff team means I will be given more responsibility and therefore need to live up to higher expectations. I commit to doing my best to uphold the Youth Staff Covenant and to becoming a radical disciple of Christ!

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____